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On page 8, 8<sup>th</sup> line from the bottom, delete "2-6" and insert -- 2-6 --.

### IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 9 to 23, and add new claims as follows:

- 24. A method of enhancing exercise endurance in a subject undertaking exercise comprising administering to the subject a composition comprising (-)-hydroxycitric acid or a lactone form thereof, or a salt thereof, as active ingredient.
25. A method of enhancing exercise endurance in a subject undertaking exercise comprising administering to the subject a composition comprising (-)-hydroxycitric acid or a water-soluble salt of (-)-hydroxycitric acid as active ingredient.
26. The method of claim 24 wherein the active ingredient originates from an extract of garcinia pericarps containing (-)-hydroxycitric acid or a lactone form thereof, or a salt thereof.
27. The method of claim 25 wherein the active ingredient originates from an extract of garcinia pericarps containing (-)-hydroxycitric acid or a lactone form thereof, or a salt thereof.

28. The method according to claim 26, wherein the garcinia is Garcinia cambogia, Garcinia indica or Garcinia atroviridis.

29. The method according to claim 27, wherein the garcinia is Garcinia cambogia, Garcinia indica or Garcinia atroviridis.

30. The method according to claim 25 wherein the water-soluble salt of (-)-hydroxycitric acid is the sodium salt or the potassium salt.

31. The method according to claim 27, wherein the water-soluble salt of (-)-hydroxycitric acid is the sodium salt or the potassium salt.

32. A food composition for enhancing exercise endurance comprising a food and (-)-hydroxycitric acid or a lactone form thereof, or a salt thereof, as active ingredient.

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33. A food composition for enhancing exercise endurance comprising a food and (-)-hydroxycitric acid or a water-soluble salt of (-)-hydroxycitric acid as active ingredient.

34. The food composition of claim 32, wherein the active ingredient originates from an extract of garcinia pericarps containing (-)-hydroxycitric acid or a lactone form thereof, or a salt thereof.

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35. The food composition of claim 33, wherein the active ingredient originates from an extract of *garcinia pericarps* containing (-)-hydroxycitric acid or a lactone form thereof, or a salt thereof.

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36. The food composition according to claim 34 or 35, wherein the *garcinia* is *Garcinia cambogia*, *Garcinia indica* or *Garcinia atroviridis*.

37. The food composition according to claim 33, wherein the water-soluble salt of (-)-hydroxycitric acid is the sodium salt or the potassium salt.

38. The food composition of any one of claims 32-37 wherein the food is a confection, a drink, a sport food, a sport drink, a health food, a seasoning, a food ingredient, a noodle, a bakery food, a cereal food or a retort food. --

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**REMARKS**

Claims 9-23 have been cancelled and new claims 24 to 38 have been added.

Favorable reconsideration in view of the herewith presented amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.

**AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1855.

Respectfully submitted,

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